



**STAFF REPORT**  
**3/11/2026**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Celina Jimenez, Director of Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** Award a Professional Services Agreement to Walker Consultants in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$76,350 to Conduct an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study in the City of Coachella and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council considers awarding a Professional Services Agreement to Walker Consultants in a not-to-exceed amount of \$76,350 to conduct an electric vehicle infrastructure study in the City of Coachella and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 23, 2024, the City of Coachella was awarded an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) formula grant in the amount of \$76,350 from the U.S. Department of Energy. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 appropriated \$550 million to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program. EECBG assists local governments, states, territories, and Tribes in developing and implementing strategies to reduce energy use, reduce fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency. With EECBG funds, the City of Coachella can now finance a study for zero-emission transportation and associated infrastructure, for leveraging of additional public sector funds to implement the strategies that will be identified in the study/plan.

**DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:**

Initially, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of an Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Study on October 9, 2025 but due to the lack of responses, the City released the RFP again on December 18, 2025 in an effort to encourage more than one proposal.

Through the second RFP release, the City received four (4) proposals from the following firms:

<u>Name of Firm</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Overall Score</u>
1. Cumming Group – Murrieta, CA	(\$76,060)	332
2. Inner City Fund (ICF) – Los Angeles, CA	(\$76,307)	385
3. Kittelson & Associates – Orange, CA	(\$76,350)	343
4. Walker Consultants – San Francisco, CA	(\$76,350)	396

City staff reviewed and rated all proposals and Walker Consultants was rated the highest. Walker Consultants brings nearly 60 years of experience serving public sector clients, with a team experienced in EV infrastructure planning, mobility and parking studies, financial analysis and implementation strategies. Walker has advised hundreds of cities, transit agencies, and public-sector clients nationwide on transportation, mobility, and electrification planning and implementation. Their work on electric vehicle charging infrastructure is a core element of supporting broader transportation and energy transition strategies. Walker supports clients in moving from policy goals to implementable charging programs that align with local context, funding requirements, and operational constraints. Select projects include:

- Fresno County Rural Transit Agency EV Charging Master Plan and Energy Management System Plan
- EV Charging Master Plan, California State University Fullerton
- Transport Electrification and Infrastructure Planning, Caltrans
- Charging Infrastructure Cost Analysis, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency

Walker has helped clients structure funding and financing strategies supporting billions of dollars in transportation and electrification investments, including public charging infrastructure. We regularly work with local governments to deploy EV charging on-street, in parking facilities, and at mobility hubs as part of public, fleet, and mixed-use charging programs. Our California-based planners and consultants integrate charging infrastructure into parking and streetscape designs, including ADA considerations, while our electrical engineers evaluate utility coordination, grid capacity, and electrical infrastructure needs at a planning level to support implementation and construction readiness.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Award a Professional Services Agreement to Walker Consultants in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$76,350 to Conduct an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study in the City of Coachella and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement
2. Do not award

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This project is entirely through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) formula grant in the amount of \$76,350 from the U.S. Department of Energy.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Professional Services Agreement – Walker Consultants